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34456**REMARKS**

Claims 9-11, 14-20, and 23-38 are pending. Claims 1-8, 12, 13, 21, and 22 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 27-38 are new.

1. As found at page 2, paragraph 1, claim 4 was objected to under double patenting. Claim 4 has been canceled, rendering the rejection moot.

2. As found at page 2, paragraph 3, claims 1-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Claims 1-8 have been canceled. Claims 9 and 18 have been amended. As such, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejection.

3. As found at page 3, paragraph 11, claims 1-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Pat. No. 6,047,259 ("Campbell"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

The present claim 9 is directed to a method for documenting medical findings. The method includes displaying a first interface including a graphical representation of anatomical features, accepting from a user a first selection of an anatomical feature, and displaying a second interface including medical information in response to accepting the first selection. In addition, the method includes accepting from the user a second selection from the medical information and combining the first and second selections to derive at least one medical finding. Claim 18 is directed to a device for documenting medical findings. The device includes an electronically readable media for storing instructions, a processor, and instructions for performing a method similar to the method of claim 9.

In the Office Action dated November 18, 2005, the PTO turns to Campbell for each of the elements of the claims. Campbell is directed to a software system for managing a health care practice. The software system includes interactive software tools for conducting a physical exam, suggesting tentative diagnosis, and managing a treatment protocol. (Campbell, Abstract). In particular, Campbell teaches physical exam buttons that represent the top level in a hierarchy of physical exam screens. The physical exam is broken into the following areas: 1) Overall

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Condition, 2) Coat and skin, 3) Ocular, 4) Otic, 5) Oral/Nasal, 6) Respiratory, 7) Cardiovascular, ..., and 12) Behavioral. When the user clicks any of these buttons, the system launches a new screen for the selected part of the physical exam. (Campbell, col. 12, l. 59 to col. 13, l. 11). The user can proceed through the physical exam in any order, but must complete all parts of the exam before any diagnosis is performed. (Campbell, col. 13, ll. 40-43).

Further, Campbell discloses a screen used to prompt a user for graphical input of medical observations. The screen displays a graphical representation of a pet and enables a user to mark the location of lesions on the skin graphically. The type of observation is entered via a selection list. First, the user selects the type of lesion by clicking on a selection in the list, and then marks the location of a lesion by positioning the cursor over the position on the graphical depiction of the skin where the lesion is located. (Campbell, col. 15, l. 55 to col. 16, l. 14).

Campbell does not teach displaying a second interface in response to accepting a selection of an anatomical feature. Instead, Campbell clearly teaches selection of buttons to navigate the system. Further, Campbell teaches selection of an observation and then marking a location. The graphical representation of Campbell is clearly not used as a navigation control.

As such, Campbell fails to teach or suggest displaying a first interface including a graphical representation of anatomical features, accepting from a user a first selection of an anatomical feature, and displaying a second interface including medical information in response to accepting the first selection. Further, Campbell fails to teach or suggest a system or software instructions for performing such actions. Therefore, Campbell fails to teach one or more elements of claims 9 and 18 and claims depending therefrom.

For at least the foregoing reasons, claims 9-11, 14-20, and 23-26 are not anticipated by Campbell. As such, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102(e) rejection of claims 9-11, 14-20, and 23-26.

4. Claims 27-38 are newly added and are also allowable over the cited references.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to issue a Notice of Allowance for all

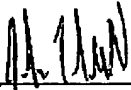
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pending claims. Should the Examiner deem that any further action by the Applicant would be desirable, a call to the Applicant's representative listed below is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 50-3797 of Larson Newman Abel Polansky & White, LLP.

Respectfully submitted,

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